



New twist for Lions annual Christmas party

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, the Panorama Lions Club annual Christmas Party and Concert on December 8 featuring the acclaimed Willis High School Jazz Band will have a new wrinkle this year. The jazz band has not been able to conduct fully instrumented rehearsals due to some students taking classes from home, so they are augmenting their usual holiday jazz numbers with three chamber music ensembles.

Willis High School music groups are also recognized throughout the region for outstanding chamber music, and we will be privileged to hear 4-person ensembles of flutes, clarinets and mixed brass instruments playing Christmas favorites.

The Willis bands are led by Director Chris Allen and Assistant Director Joseph Dittfurth, who is a Panorama resident. For more information, go to the Panorama



Lions website at www.panoramalions.com or talk to a member of the Panorama Lions Club. The party starts on December 8 with

a social time at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm and the concert at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$25 per person.

New cart barn open and ready for business

A new 3,150 square foot cart barn has been constructed and is ready for use in housing the Golf Club's golf carts overnight. Most of the construction costs for this building were paid by the City of Conroe so that the existing cart barn could be demolished to make room for a new water cooling tower.

Conroe and Shenandoah share in the ownership of our well providing water from the Catahoula Aquifer. The water comes out of the ground at 106 degrees and must be cooled before it can be piped to Conroe users.

The new barn will allow Golf Club personnel to leave golf carts connected in the barn while they are recharging, and returned to the golf cart pick up area next to the Pro Shop. This will save considerable time in taking the carts to and from the customer pick up area.



Garden Club to visit Kim's in Huntsville

The Panorama Garden Club will travel to Huntsville on November 19 for a tour of the fabulous Kim's Home and Garden Center followed by a visit to Old Town Huntsville.



The garden center tour will include a special "Fall Gardening walkabout" by owner Kim Bius providing a chance to see dozens of plants and flowers suitable for the season.

Kim's is located on a historic hilltop site with 200-year old Magnolias and 3-1/2 acres of plants, flowers, shrubs and trees. There is also a wonderful gift center in the old Mansion.

Lunch will be at the City Hall Cafe and Pie Bar in Huntsville.

If you wish to go, meet in the main Golf Club parking lot at 9:00 am and caravan to Huntsville. Call Denise Harp at 206-277-7297 for more information.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

On Monday, October 19, I attended a meeting of the Mayor, City Council, and golf club members and staff of Panorama Golf Club as well as other interested Panorama residents. Mayor Scott began the meeting by explaining he and City Council had received a petition with over 100 signatures asking why the Clubhouse was continuing to be closed. Some other issues included the cleanliness of the Clubhouse and training of staff.

It was felt that the Clubhouse should have re-opened on Labor Day Weekend as other Clubs in the area were already open. Jessie Brawner, President of the Men's Golf Association, spoke reiterating the concerns listed in the petition. He stated that it was difficult to get answers to questions, with no one (City or Sterling) claiming responsibility for keeping it closed.

Renee Rangel of Sterling Golf explained that Panorama Golf Club was not owned by the club members, but by the taxpayers of Panorama Village.

Those residents elect the City Council to represent them and they are responsible to the taxpayers. When asked about how revenue is spent, he reminded everyone that since Sterling took over they have tripled the revenues and that at this time those revenues go to operate the course.

Several attendees asked whether their tax dollars directly support the Golf Club. It was explained that they do, but the City has other responsibilities that must be covered, like street maintenance, drainage, common area maintenance and police protection.

It was asked if an assessment to all homeowners had been considered to cover deficits of the Golf Club. Mayor Scott said this couldn't be done legally without voter approval.

When the Pandemic hit, "Safety of Members" became the Number 1 priority of City Council and Sterling. To keep the course open, they ordered one player to a cart, continued extra cleaning and sanitizing of carts, removal of sand

trap rakes, and requiring flagsticks be left in the cup with spacers so that balls were easy to retrieve.

The Clubhouse was not considered a safe environment to prevent the spread of coronavirus, so rules from the state of Texas were followed and the bar and restaurant were shut down.

Questions were asked concerning rumors about a grill at the Pavilion or the conversion of the old office admin building into an Ice House or "halfway" house for golfers. Some felt that moving the casual food service out of the clubhouse would make it easier and cheaper to operate, as well as more accessible to non-golfers and persons living outside of Panorama. No decision has been made on this issue.

Before the meeting was adjourned, it was decided that quarterly town hall meetings would be held so that ongoing questions and concerns about the Golf Club could be answered in a timely fashion.

Yard of the Month **GOLF COURSE**

Brian and Jo Ann Thomas
44 Winged Foot Drive



Garden Club expands YOM to include back yards

This month's newsletter includes the first ever Yard of the Month as viewed from the golf course. More than three hundred Panorama homes are golf course facing, and many of these are expertly landscaped for the enjoyment of golfers who play our three 9-hole courses.

The Panorama Garden Club wanted you to share some of these lovely sights, so we will be featuring a Golf Course Yard of the Month every third month. If you know of a worthy candidate for this honor, please pass the location along to a Garden Club member.

Holiday music featured at Nov 6 PLA meeting

The Nov 6 meeting of the Panorama Ladies Association will feature holiday music by local resident Brenda Storseth and several of her voice students. Check-in is at 10:30 am, followed by the music program at 11:00 and lunch at noon. For reservations, please call Carolyn Backen at 936-443-8123.

